

## Thank you for participating in the Lawn Soil Testing Program!

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## To take your soil test:

- 1. Use a spade, shovel, trowel or auger and a clean plastic pail.
- 2. Sample at least 5 spots in your yard. First remove the sod cover from the soil. Get the sample below the sod.
- 3. If there are visible differences in soils at the different locations you select you should submit different samples.
- 4. First crumble up the soil and lay it out on a sheet to dry. This will take 1-2 days. Fill box to line with air-dried soil.
- 5. Ship to Virginia Tech Soil Lab, 145 Smyth Hall (0465), 185 Ag Quad Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24061. Include the completed Form 452-125 (https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\_ext\_vt\_edu/452/452-125/452-125.pdf) and this flyer so the Lab knows to bill us. No payment needed!
- 6. The lab will send us your report.

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